ARec'd PCT/PTO 3 0 JUN 2005

[12467/5]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor(s)

Pierre BARBERIS et al.

Serial No.

To Be Assigned

Filed

Herewith

For

METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A SEMI-

FINISHED PRODUCT MADE OF ZIRCONIUM ALLOY FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A FLAT PRODUCT AND

USE THEREOF

Examiner

To Be Assigned

Art Unit

To Be Assigned

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND 37 C.F.R. § 1.125 SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION STATEMENT

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-captioned application before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION AND ABSTRACT:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(3), a Substitute Specification (including the Abstract, but without claims) accompanies this response. It is respectfully requested that the Substitute Specification (including Abstract) be entered to replace the Specification of record.